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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
11	State Element

- This amendment adds seven new Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects to the State Transportation Improvement Program. The Olive Drive project programs \$640,000 of TE funds, and \$143,000 of local transportation funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06. The remaining six TE projects program funds in FY's 2007/08 and 2008/09. See Enclosure.
- The North Mojave project requires an additional \$3,550,000 for right-of-way mitigation. This amendment reduces prior year funds by \$3,550,000 and programs \$408,000 in State cash, and \$3,142,000 in National Highway System funds in FY 2005/06. See Enclosure.

Local Element

- Advances a City of Bakersfield Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) project from FY 2006/07 to FY 2005/06. See Enclosure.
- Substitutes a previously programmed CMAQ project in Wasco for the submitted project. The new project allows the purchase of one replacement; 21-28 passenger Clean Natural Gas (CNG) bus and one convertible passenger wheelchair-accessible CNG bus, and provides greater emission benefits than the previous project. The deletion of the previous project, KER050568, will be shown in the next formal amendment. See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Authority approve this FTIP Amendment No. 11 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

The updated programming has been found by KCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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